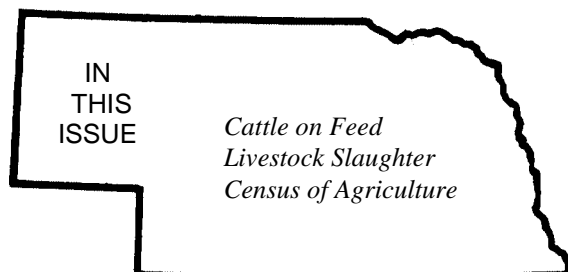


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Dear producers and other data users:

Information contained herein is the result of mail, phone and personal interview surveys conducted during the past few weeks. Special recognition and appreciation are extended to all producers and agribusinesses who provided data making these reports possible.

William G. Hamlin
State Statistician

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2001-2002

State	November 1 Number on Feed ¹			October Placements			October Marketings			October Other Disappearance ²		
	2001	2002	2002/2001	2001	2002	2002/2001	2001	2002	2002/2001	2001	2002	2002/2001
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Arizona	301	290	96	35	28	80	31	25	81	1	1	100
California	470	490	104	60	60	100	50	58	116	5	7	140
Colorado	1,170	1,060	91	315	250	79	200	210	105	5	10	200
Idaho	330	295	89	79	77	97	58	61	105	1	1	100
Iowa	340	335	99	75	95	127	44	73	166	1	2	200
Kansas	2,670	2,300	86	560	455	81	415	410	99	15	25	167
Nebraska	2,200	2,110	96	590	520	88	330	360	109	10	10	100
New Mexico	108	116	107	26	21	81	14	16	114	1	2	200
Oklahoma	395	340	86	80	75	94	72	63	88	3	2	67
South Dakota	171	170	99	61	57	93	25	36	144	1	1	100
Texas	3,080	2,730	89	680	600	88	570	570	100	20	20	100
Washington	258	185	72	54	49	91	38	33	87	2	1	50
Other States	370	320	86	87	101	116	49	64	131	3	2	67
U.S.	11,863	10,741	91	2,702	2,388	88	1,896	1,979	104	68	84	124

¹Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

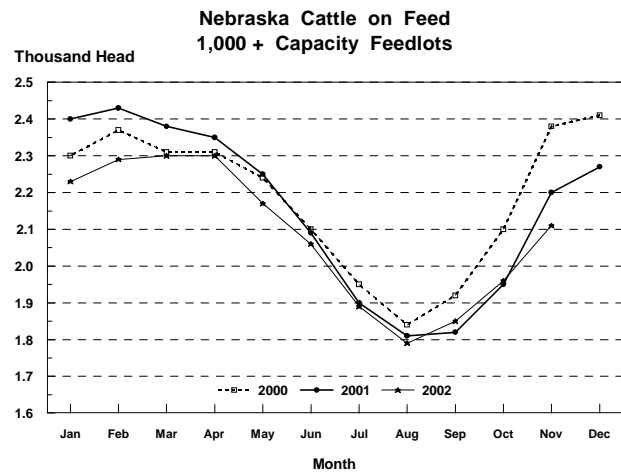
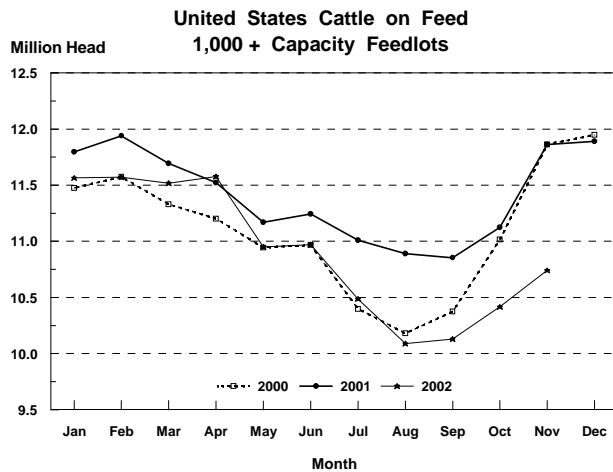
²Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed November 15, 2002

Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed By Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States, 2001-2002

State	During October									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	1,000 Head									
Colorado	66	94	77	49	94	56	78	51	315	250
Kansas	150	120	155	145	175	120	80	70	560	455
Nebraska	225	200	161	134	91	87	113	99	590	520
Texas	230	175	245	200	145	165	60	60	680	600
Other States	220	220	120	110	87	93	130	140	557	563
U.S.	891	809	758	638	592	521	461	420	2,702	2,388

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed November 15, 2002



**Federally Inspected Livestock Slaughter and Meat Production: By Commodity,
By Week, United States, 2002 with Comparisons¹**

Item	Week Ending Saturday					Latest Week Percent of Year Ago	Year to Date	Percent of Year Ago
	Oct. 5	Oct. 12	Oct. 19	Oct. 26	Nov. 2			
Slaughter, Thousand Head								
Cattle	683	706	711	714	694	102	29,854	101
Calves	20	20	21	22	23	117	843	103
Hogs	1,987	2,020	2,024	2,048	2,149	106	82,684	103
Sheep & Lambs	62	63	60	61	61	97	2,594	102
Production, Million Pounds								
Beef	527.4	546.1	551.6	547.8	527.6	103	22,709.1	104
Veal	3.7	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.3	116	157.4	99
Pork	385.6	393.1	395.2	402.8	423.7	105	16,216.8	103
Lamb & Mutton	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.1	95	174.8	97
Red Meat	920.8	947.1	954.7	958.7	959.7	104	39,258.1	104

¹ Data are preliminary estimates. Source: USDA NASS, USDA MNS.

**Federally Inspected Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, By Class,
United States, Week Ending November 2, 2002 with Comparisons¹**

United States, Week Ending November 2, 2002 with Comparisons								
Item	Weekly Slaughter	Percent of Year Ago	Percent of Total		Year to Date	Percent of Year Ago	Percent of Total	
			11/03/01	11/02/02			2001	2002
	1,000 Head				1,000 Head			
Cattle	694	102	100.0	100.0	29,854	101	100.0	100.0
Steers	322	102	46.4	46.5	15,045	104	49.3	50.4
Heifers	235	104	33.3	33.8	9,588	99	32.8	32.1
Cows	126	100	18.5	18.1	4,706	99	16.1	15.8
Bulls & Stags	11	92	1.8	1.6	514	96	1.8	1.7
Hogs	2,149	106	100.0	100.0	82,684	103	100.0	100.0
Barrows & Gilts	2,078	106	96.7	96.6	79,771	103	96.5	96.5
Sows	66	107	3.0	3.1	2,683	105	3.2	3.2
Stags & Boars	6	110	.3	.3	230	84	.3	.3
Sheep & Lambs	61	97	100.0	100.0	2,594	102	100.0	100.0
Mature Sheep	3	107	4.6	5.1	124	103	4.7	4.8
Lambs & Yearlings	58	97	95.4	94.9	2,471	102	95.3	95.2

¹ Data preliminary. Source: USDA NASS, USDA MNS.



WHERE IS U.S. AGRICULTURE HEADED?

*Help this year's Ag Census
provide the answers.*

By Bill Hamlin, State Statistician, USDA NASS, Lincoln, NE

What is the best source of uniform, comprehensive, consistent, county, state and national facts about the nation's agriculture? Answer - The Census of Agriculture. Please help us make this year's Census of agriculture for Nebraska the best ever by responding and encouraging response.

In late December USDA's National Agriculture Service will launch the 2002 Census of Agriculture. More than 60,000 Nebraska operations and nearly 3 million nationwide will receive report forms. They will be asked to return them by February 3 next year.

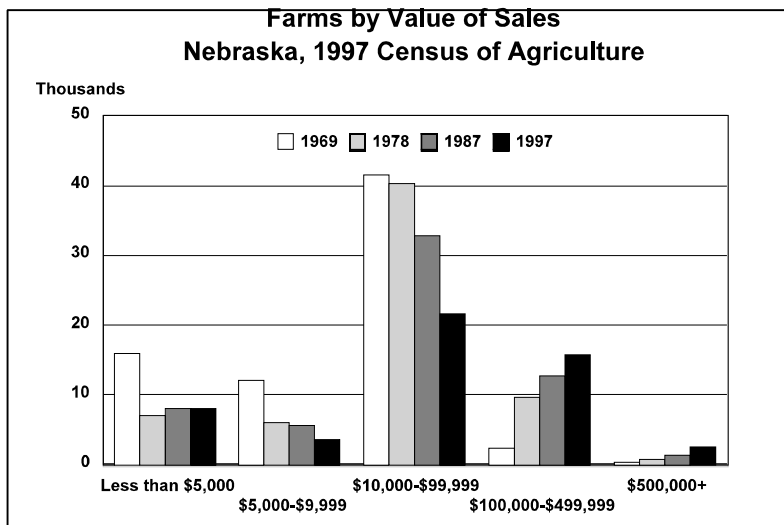
My office, USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service in Lincoln, will handle all follow up data collection, review, and analysis of data for Nebraska. Results will be available in February 2004.

Farmer and rancher participation is vital to success of the agricultural census. Response is required by law but the same law provides that individual reports be kept confidential (Title 7, U.S. Code).

Statistical results are summarized and published only in geographical totals to prevent identification of individual producers. We are targeting a 90 percent response.

A national census of agriculture was first taken in 1840 and every ten years thereafter until 1920. Currently, the census of Agriculture is on a five year cycle for years ending in 2 and 7. The last census and the first conducted by USDA was for 1997. This will be the 26th ag census and the next one will take place for 2007.

In 1850, before Civil war clouds were brewing, the U.S. Dept. of Interior conducted the second Census of Agriculture in conjunction with the seventh Census of population. That census showed the United States had 1.7 million farms averaging 203 acres. But only 78 acres were improved. Numbers of farms in the country peaked at 6.8 million in 1935 and were down to 2.8 million in 1997. What will the number be for 2002? **Thanks** for your help on this one.



2002 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

The Census of Agriculture Is Coming

The 2002 Census of Agriculture will appear in your mailbox in late December. It provides official facts representing all U.S. producers and commodities.

Don't be left out when decisions are made about you and American agriculture. Take the time to fill out your report form and return it by February 3, 2003. It's the law.

All the information you give is completely confidential by law.

***You Make It Known –
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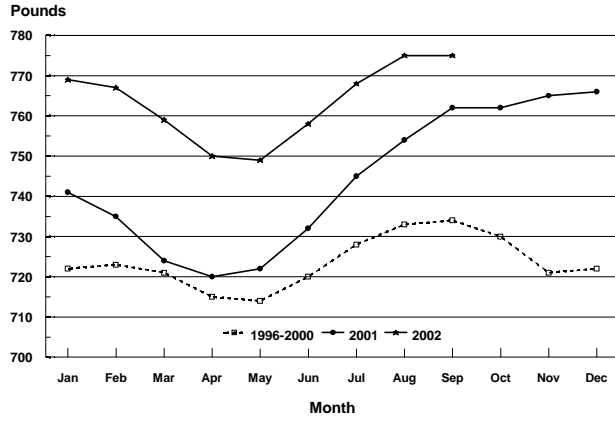


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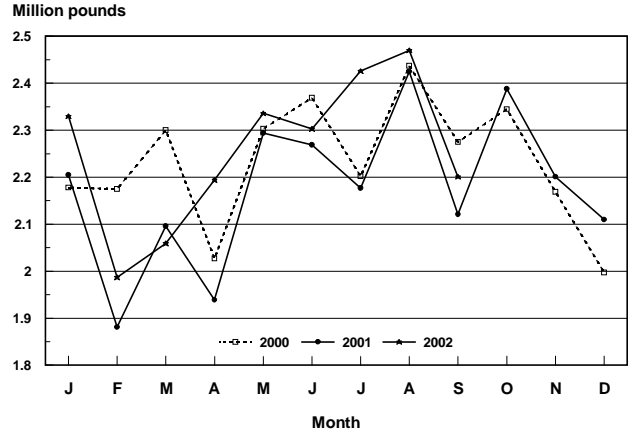


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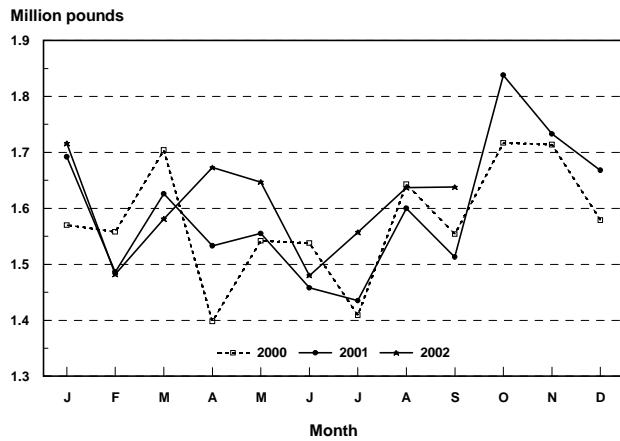
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